Secretary to Government, Financial Department.—
The position is slowly improving.

Mr. Abdul Nabi Khan (Tumkur Taluk).—

Q.—22. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The number of District Hospitals in the State ?

(*b*) The yearly grant made to these hospitals for the supply of bedding and clothing to the in-patients ?

(*c*) The yearly grant made to the Sri Krishnarajendra Hospital at Mysore and the Victoria Hospital at Bangalore for the supply of bedding and clothing ?

(*d*) The average number of in-patients at each of the two hospitals named above, *i.e.*, in (*c*) ?

(*e*) The number of in-patients at each of the remaining six District Hospitals ?

(*f*) The average expenditure incurred on one patient for feeding and clothing in the District Hospitals ?

(*g*) The average expenditure incurred on one patient for feeding and clothing in the Sri Krishnarajendra Hospital at Mysore and the Victoria Hospital at Bangalore ?

General Secretary to Government.—

A.—22. (*a*) Six, excluding the Civil Hospital, Kolar Gold Fields.

			Rs.
(*b*) Rs. 1,600 in 1933-34.			
(*c*) Krishnarajendra Hospital, Mysore		....	4,000
Victoria Hospital, Bangalore		....	2,500
			Number
(*d*) Krishnarajendra Hospital, Mysore		....	5,737
Victoria Hospital, Bangalore		....	5,564
(*e*) District Hospital,	Kolar	....	469
Do	Tumkur	....	781
Do	Hassan	....	1,022
Do	Shimoga	....	964
Do	Chikmagalur	....	972
Do	Chitaldrug	....	364
	Total of (*e*)	....	4,572

(*f*) *Feeding.*—Per patient Rs. 3-11-2.
Clothing.—Per patient Re. 0-5-7.

(*g*)—

	Feeding.	*Clothing.*
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Krishnarajendra Hospital, Mysore.	4 5 7	0 11 2
Victoria Hospital, Bangalore	4 15 0	0 7 0

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. J. Mahomed Imam.—

Is the small amount of Rs. 1,600 enough for all the six District Hospitals in the State?

General Secretary to Government.—

This is only for the supply of bedding and clothing; food charges are not included in it.

Mr. J. Mahomed Imam.—

What is the allotment for diet charges?

General Secretary to Government.—

Notice.

Mr. J. Mahomed Imam.—

At what intervals are the patients given new clothes in the hospitals?

General Secretary to Government.—

As frequently as the doctors consider necessary.

Mr. J. Mahomed Imam.—

Do the Government think that Rs. 1,600 per annum is sufficient for all the District Hospitals in the State even for bedding and clothing alone?

General Secretary to Government.—

That is the amount allotted in the budget.

Before the General Discussion on the Budget was taken up, SRIMATI SAKAMMA thanked the Government on behalf of the women of Mysore for having given scope to two more lady members to represent women's interests in the Representative Assembly.

MR. H. B. GUNDAPPA next brought to notice that the members were experiencing some inconvenience on account of seats in the Assembly Hall having been arranged very close to each other and requested that at least a few ceiling fans be provided for the Hall.

THE DEWAN replied that the ceiling of the Hall was too high and otherwise, too, difficult for the installation of ceiling fans.

MR. N. SIDDALINGA DEVARU represented that bigger chairs might be provided for the members as the existing ones were too narrow for some of them.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET.

In opening the discussion on the budget, MR. H. B. GUNDAPPA said that though at first sight the budget estimates of 1934-35 seemed to show a surplus of Rs. 1,32,000, a detailed examination would show a deficit. A sum of Rs. 5 lakhs had been drawn from the reserves for the purpose of balancing the budget. Not only that. The Government expected an additional revenue of nearly six lakhs of rupees from excise duties on matches and sugar. In all, they had included about 11 lakhs and odd on the receipt side as if they were all normal items. If those items were deducted, the budget would, in reality, be a deficit budget. Of course, the Government had striven hard to reduce their deficit and to that extent, they deserved to be congratulated. But simply because a small surplus was left, Government should not think that all possible economies had been effected. He therefore requested the Government not to rest content with balancing the budget in this manner, but to explore further possibilities of retrenchment and thereby release funds for expenditure on useful items.

Continuing, the member said that for many years past, members of both the Houses had been pressing upon the Government the need for a revision of their industrial policy. So far, their representations did not seem to have been considered by the Government. The Bhadravati Iron Works had always been a losing concern and even for the budget year, the Government had provided a sum of Rs. 2·45 lakhs for meeting losses thereon. To the extent of the losses sustained on account of the Iron Works, important and useful items of work were being sacrificed. At that rate, he asked what the position of the State would be in course of time. So far, a sum of nearly three crores of rupees had been invested on the concern which meant that the 60 lakhs of people in the State had lost at the rate of Rs. 5 per head. They could ill afford to lose any more. So, it was time that Government considered whether the concern should either be